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THE CITY SHUTS DOWN CRIMINAL GANG HOUSE

Milwaukee City Attorney Grant Langley announced today that a criminal gang house located on 2076 South 35th Street will be boarded up on November 2, 2009 after the Community Prosecution Unit of the City Attorney's Office filed a public nuisance action in Milwaukee County Circuit Court against the property owner and requested that the property be closed.

The Milwaukee City Attorney's office filed a lawsuit on January 16, 2008 alleging that the property on 2076 South 35th Street facilitated criminal gang activity and was being used by individuals who intimidated neighbors and destroyed any sense of neighborhood tranquility. On June 20, 2008, a Stipulation and Order was executed by the Milwaukee County Circuit Court which delineated several conditions that the defendants were supposed to comply with in order to abate the nuisance at the property.

On August 2, 2009, the Milwaukee Police Department conducted a follow-up investigation at the property in an attempt to locate suspects of an armed robbery. Milwaukee police officers were given consent to search the property and seized drugs, drug paraphernalia and ammunition. Police officers were also informed that three known Mexican Posse gang members were residing at the property. Milwaukee police officers then notified the City Attorney's office of the ongoing conduct occurring at the property in violation of the Stipulation and Order executed by the Court.

On September 21, 2009, Judge Charles F. Kahn, Jr. granted the City Attorney's request for closure of the property and a future court date was set to resolve the matter and decide who will ultimately retain ownership of the property.

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